CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
NOVEMBER 16, 2021 - CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Patino called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mayor Alice Patino, Councilmember Mike Cordero, and Councilmember Etta Waterfield

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Councilmember Carlos Escobedo and Councilmember Gloria Soto

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
City Manager Stilwell, City Attorney Watson, Director of Finance Harvey, and Chief Deputy City Clerk White (for roll call only).

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
There were no requests to speak.

RECESS - CLOSED SESSION
Mayor Patino recessed to a Closed Session at 5:03 p.m. for

1) **Conference with Labor Negotiators pursuant to Section 54957.6 of the Government Code:**

Agency Representatives: City Manager Jason Stilwell

Employee Organizations: All bargaining units, unrepresented employees, managers, and executives.

INVOCATION
Pastor Aidan Peter Rossiter of St. Louis de Montfort Parish gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Councilmember Waterfield led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Patino reconvened the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mayor Alice Patino, Councilmember Mike Cordero, and Councilmember Etta Waterfield

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Councilmember Carlos Escobedo and Councilmember Gloria Soto

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
City Manager Jason Stilwell, City Attorney Thomas Watson, Assistant City Manager Andrew Hackleman, Director of Finance Mary Harvey, City Librarian Mary Housel, Chief Information Officer Jeffrey Marecic, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Kevin McCune, Director of Community Development Chuen Ng, Director of Recreation & Parks Alex Posada, Chief of Police Marc Schneider, Director of Utilities Shad Springer, Fire Chief Todd Tuggle, Chief Deputy City Clerk Rhonda White, and Deputy City Clerk Beth Cleary

CLOSED SESSION REPORT: CITY ATTORNEY
City Attorney Watson announced that direction had been given to the agency representative and that the Closed Session would continue at the end of the regular meeting.

1 PROCLAMATIONS

A. Mayor Patino presented a Proclamation in recognition of December 7, 2021, as the 20th Anniversary of the Freedom Monument Veterans Memorial. Bob Hatch and Dave Cross accepted the Proclamation.

B. Councilmember Cordero presented a Proclamation recognizing the month of November 2021, as American Indian Heritage Month in the City of Santa Maria. Susan Clack accepted the Proclamation.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chief Deputy City Clerk White announced that Councilmember Escobedo was viewing the meeting through Zoom.

Raymond Ayala, Gary Hall, Eileen Armijo, and Esther Jensen spoke in favor of a mobile home owner rent stabilization ordinance.

Written comment was received from Steve Relth in support of the City's Planning Staff recommendation to convert the Hi-Way Drive-In Theater into affordable housing.

Written Comment: Zoning Hi-Way Drive-in

3 CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent Calendar Items 3A-3G were approved as presented, including the adoption of Resolution Nos. 2021-126, 2021-127, and 2021-128. The recorded vote appears with each item below.

A. Waive the reading in full of all Ordinances and Resolutions. Ordinances on the Consent Agenda will be adopted by the same vote cast at the first meeting, unless City Council indicates otherwise.

Action: Readings waived.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero. Motion carried. Absent: Councilmember Escobedo and Councilmember Soto. 3-0.

B. Approve the Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of November 2, 2021.

Action: Minutes approved as presented.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero. Motion carried. Absent: Councilmember Escobedo and Councilmember Soto. 3-0.

C. Adopt a Resolution approving the transfer of an existing Regulatory Agreement **FROM** Villa del Sol, LP **TO** RFC VDS, LLC, FSA VDS, LLC, Cedar Valley VDS, LLC, and Cedar Battles, LLC for Villa del Sol Senior Apartments located at 1311 West Battles Road.

Action: Transfer of Villa Del Sol Senior Apartment Regulatory Agreement approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero. Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-126. Absent: Councilmember Escobedo and Councilmember Soto. 3-0.

D. Payment of Warrants. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Warrants ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero. Motion carried. Absent: Councilmember Escobedo and Councilmember Soto. 3-0.

E. Payment of Payroll. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Directors, as shown on records on file in the Department of Finance, and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Payroll ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero. Motion carried. Absent: Councilmember Escobedo and Councilmember Soto. 3-0.

F. Adopt a Resolution approving a donation to the Santa Maria Police Department from the Santa Maria Police Council for the purchase of a utility terrain vehicle.

Action: Police Council donation for utility terrain vehicle approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero. Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-127. Absent: Councilmember Escobedo and Councilmember Soto. 3-0.

G. Adopt a Resolution declaring a police trailer as surplus property and authorizing the donation of the surplus trailer to the Arroyo Grande Police Department.

Action: Donation of surplus property to Arroyo Grande Police Department approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero. Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-128. Absent: Councilmember Escobedo and Councilmember Soto. 3-0.

4 COMMUNITY PRESENTATION

A. **SANTA MARIA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT.** The City Council received a presentation from Superintendent Antonio Garcia; Dr. Paul Robinson, Director of Career Technical Education; and John Davis, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction at Santa Maria Joint Union High School District regarding its college- and career-ready efforts and new Career Technical Education Center. Mr. Davis closed remarks saying that the Center and its Programs had been a passion of the late Superintendent, Mark Richardson, who had passed away suddenly the day before the meeting.

5 PUBLIC HEARING

A. **TAX AND EQUITY FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT (TEFRA) REGARDING CENTENNIAL GARDENS APARTMENTS.** The City Council conducted a public hearing and considered approving the issuance of Revenue Bonds by the California Statewide Communities Development Authority not to exceed $50,000,000 for the benefit of Centennial Gardens, LP. Director of Finance Harvey gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Public input
Mayor Patino opened the public hearing at 6:35 p.m. and, having no requests to speak or written correspondence, immediately closed the public hearing.

Action: Adopt a Resolution approving the issuance of Revenue Bonds by the California Statewide Communities Development Authority to provide financing for the acquisition, construction, and development of a 160-unit multi-family rental housing project generally known as Centennial Gardens Apartments.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero. Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-129. Absent: Councilmember Escobedo and Councilmember Soto. 3-0.

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Stilwell reported that the next regular City Council meeting would be December 7, 2021. Items on the agenda would include a retirement resolution for Fire Engineer Victor Gutierrez; the Chamber of Commerce Business of the Month presentation; the Short-Range Transit Plan; and the Police Department Strategic Plan.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS (INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS)

Councilmember Cordero reported he attended the Celebrate Philanthropy event; the grand opening of the CTE; and a Santa Barbara Foundation event with CommUnify.

Councilmember Waterfield had no reportable AB1234 activities.

Mayor Patino reported she attended a quarterly schools meeting; the recent Empty Bowls event; a Celebrate Philanthropy event; the Flag Ceremony at the Cemetery for the Veterans Memorial; a Fighting Back Santa Maria Board Meeting; and the Santa Barbara Foundation event with CommUnify.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Patino recessed to Closed Session at 6:44 p.m. in memory of Superintendent Mark Richardson.

The City Council meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

City Attorney Watson announced that direction was provided to the agency representative regarding the Closed Session item.

Minutes approved at a regular meeting on December 7, 2021.

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Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk and ex officio Clerk
of the City Council

ATTEST:

12/10/2021

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Alice M. Patino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria